RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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Honoring the 2013 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest Winners.

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was established in 1975 to implement Civil Rights policies through public information, education, mediation, conciliation and adjudication; and

Whereas, the Commission provides leadership in the areas of civil rights and carries forward the policies of the City through the prevention and elimination of bias and discrimination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., believed that liberty, justice and freedom were the 'inalienable rights' of all men, women and children, and that all people were equal in the sight of God and deserving of dignity and self-worth; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a recipient of the Nobel Prize, became a national hero whose birthday has been declared a national holiday by his nation's government; and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., inspired people and nations world-wide to strive in non-violent manners for the human rights, civil liberties, and economic guarantees rightfully due people of all races; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil rights established the Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest in 2005 as an opportunity to continue and renew this endeavor through education; and

Whereas, all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who reside in Minneapolis were eligible to participate by submitting one essay with their answers to this topic: "As a member in your community, what responsibility do you have to protect human rights in your community? How can you make a change in your community?"; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights selected the following prize winners from each grade level:

8th Grade:

1st place – Kalley Carlson, Anwatin Middle School 2nd place – Odessa Schmidt, Anwatin Middle School 3rd place – Ubah Abdulkadir, Anwatin Middle School

7th Grade:

1st place – Ginny Lindberg, Anthony Middle School 2nd place – Emily Christiansen, Anthony Middle School 3rd Place – Clare Loomans, Anthony Middle School

6th Grade:

1st place - Abdulwahid Abshir, Heritage Academy of Science and Technology

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis City Council honors and appreciates all of those students who participated in the 2013 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest and gives special recognition to those who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.